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## LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### **Rep. Carpenter announces passage of HB 763**

State Representative Barbara Carpenter, D-Baton Rouge, announces successful passage through the House of Representatives of House Bill 763 (HB 763). HB 763, authored by Carpenter, authorizes the establishment of intervention and stabilization units by human services districts and authorities. The bill goes on to define “intervention and stabilization units” as crisis receiving centers in which staff of mental health and behavioral health specialists provide a high level of screening and assessment to people experiencing mental health or behavioral health crises.

Rep. Carpenter said, “For too long, we have seen individuals wrongfully labeled as ‘criminal,’ when they are, in fact, mentally ill and in need of stabilization or behavioral supervision. This bill will help to eliminate this discrepancy, and I am proud to say that the vast majority of my colleagues in the House believe in these efforts as well.”

HB 763 was successfully passed through the House yesterday, Tuesday, March 22, and awaits Senate consideration.

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